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TO PLAINTIFF AND HIS ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 22, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 6 of the above-entitled Court, located at 880 Front Street, San Diego, California, Defendants U. Lim America Inc. ("U. Lim") and Tae Jin Yoon (collectively "Defendants") will and hereby do move the Court for an Order pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure granting summary judgment in its favor.

This Motion is made on the following grounds:

- 1. The undisputed facts demonstrate that Plaintiff Soo Cheol Kang ("Kang") was an employee at-will. Thus, Kang cannot maintain an action for breach of an alleged employment contract.
- 2. Even if Kang could overcome the at-will presumption, the undisputed facts demonstrate that U. Lim terminated his employment for cause, and thus did not breach the implied contract.
- 3. Because Kang was an at-will employee and U. Lim terminated his employment for cause, Kang cannot maintain a cause of action for breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
- 4. It is undisputed that Kang filed this action one year and two weeks after the termination of his employment with U. Lim. Thus, Kang's claim for wrongful termination in violation of public policy is barred by the one-year statute of limitations.
- 5. Kang cannot maintain an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII") against U. Lim because U. Lim did not employ fifteen or more employees during the relevant time frame.
- 6. Kang cannot maintain a Title VII or FEHA action against Defendant Tae Jin Yoon because he was not Kang's employer, and there is no individual liability under Title VII or the FEHA as a matter of law.
- 7. Kang cannot maintain a claim under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act ("FEHA") against Defendants because it is undisputed that he worked in Tijuana,

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PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL 1 2 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 300 South Grand Avenue, 22nd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071. 3 4 On January, 2000, I caused the foregoing document described as DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT. AND, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF CLAIMS to be 5 served by mail upon the person(s) shown below, by placing a true and correct copy (copies) thereof in an envelope (envelopes) addressed as follows: 6 7 Richard E. Grey 8 LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD E. GREY 409 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 303 9 San Diego, California 92108 10 sealing said envelope(s), and placing it (them) for collection and mailing on that same date following the ordinary business practices of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, at its place of business, located at 300 South Grand Avenue, 22nd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071. I am readily 11 familiar with the business practices of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Pursuant to said practices the 12 envelope(s) would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business. 13 I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at 14 whose direction the service was made. 15 Executed on January 21,2000 at Los Angeles, California. 16 17 SHARON L, SCOL 18 Service on one or more parties is (also) being done by personal service and a Proof of Personal Service will be filed with the court forthwith. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28